

MINUTES – AUGUST 5, 1998

TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

PLANNING AND BUDGET PROCESS

On Wednesday, the 5th day of August, 1998, the Commissioners' Court convened the Planning and Budget Process Voting Session at 9:18 AM in the Commissioners' Courtroom, 1st Floor of the Travis County Administration Building, 314 West 11th Street, Austin, Texas. Dana DeBeauvoir, County Clerk, was represented by Deputy Robert Resnick.

The Commissioners' Court recessed the Planning and Budget Process Voting Session at 10:15 AM and reconvened at 10:17 AM.

The Commissioners' Court recessed the Planning and Budget Process Voting Session at 12:22 PM and reconvened at 2:08 PM.

The Commissioners' Court adjourned the Planning and Budget Process Voting Session at 4:58 PM.

1. CONSIDER AND ACT ON PLANNING ISSUES AS PART OF THE FY 1999 PLANNING AND BUDGET PROCESS, INCLUDING CUTS TO CURRENT BUDGET LEVELS AND FEE INCREASES. (9:19 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Christian Smith, Executive Manager, Planning and Budget Office (PBO); and Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO.

ITEM 1 CONTINUED

A. OVERVIEW OF BUDGET CUTS AND REVENUE OPPORTUNITIES (9:35 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO; Jessica Rio, Planning and Budget Analyst, PBO; and Alan Miller, Budget Analyst, PBO.

Motion by Commissioner McKee **and seconded by** Commissioner Sonleitner to approve Staff recommendations to eliminate positions which elected and appointed officials have chosen not to appeal, recognizing that the list contains three TNR Maintenance Technicians positions, slots 446, 448, and 358, which should not be included in cuts.

Motion carried: County Judge Bill Aleshire	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Darwin McKee	-	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

B. COUNTY CLERK (9:49 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Jessica Rio, Planning and Budget Analyst, PBO; Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO; Dana DeBeauvoir, Travis County Clerk; David Ferris, Manager, Civil Probate Division, County Clerk's Office.

C. DISTRICT ATTORNEY (10:17 AM) (10:44 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Ronnie Earle, Travis County District Attorney; Vince Torres, Chair, Crime Victim Transition Team; Raven Cazen, State Director, Victims' Services, Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ); Ellen Halbert, Victims' Services Director, TDCJ; and Jim Collins, Executive Assistant County Attorney.

D. COUNTY ATTORNEY (10:43 AM) (10:47 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Ken Oden, Travis County Attorney; Jessica Rio, Planning and Budget Analyst, PBO; Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO; Mack Martinez, Director of Intake Division, Travis County Attorney's Office; David Escamilla, First Assistant County Attorney; Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO; and Jim Collins, Executive Assistant County Attorney.

ITEM 1 CONTINUED

E. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (11:30 AM) (2:08 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Alan Miller, Budget Analyst, PBO; Stephen Williams, Executive Manager, Austin-Travis County Health and Humans Services Department (HHSD) and Veterans' Services; Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO; Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO; Donnie Dorsey, Budget Analyst, HHSD; Dennis Rudder, Deputy Constable, Precinct 5, Environmental Investigator; Margo Frasier, Travis County Sheriff; David Lurie, Director, HHSD; and Bruce Elfant, Constable, Precinct 5.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez that the two slots on the recommended list for elimination, Deputy Constable/Environmental Investigator, slots 158 and 159 (HHS), be reinstated, and that PBO confer with the Auditor's Office to re-certify the \$45,000.00 in funds coming in from the City of Austin to help pay for this program. The Court further directs that these two slots will be put into the capable hands of Sheriff Margo Frasier. The Court expresses its deepest gratitude and appreciation to Constable Precinct 5 Bruce Elfant for reviving this program.

Motion carried:

County Judge Bill Aleshire	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Darwin McKee	-	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

F. JUSTICES OF THE PEACE (2:15 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Mark McCray, Budget Analyst, PBO; Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO; Judge Elena Diaz, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4; Judge Jade Meeker, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 5; Gloria Aguilera, Division Manager, J.P., Precinct 5; Judge Scott Davis, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3; and Christy Ryno, Division Manager, J.P., Precinct 4.

ITEM 1 CONTINUED**G. CONSTABLES – ASAP (3:33 PM)**

Members of the Court heard from: Mark McCray, Budget Analyst, PBO; Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO; Bruce Elfant, Constable, Precinct 5; Bob Vann, Constable, Precinct 2; Kevin Miskell, Constable, Precinct 3; Ricardo “Rocky” Medrano, Constable, Precinct 4; Roger Martinez, Coordinator, ASAP Program; and Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO.

Members of the Court agreed to consider one Motion for Items COUNTY CLERK, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, COUNTY ATTORNEY, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, JUSTICES OF THE PEACE, AND CONSTABLES – ASAP.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to keep all cuts as recommended by PBO, with the exception of the two HHS positions previously voted upon, until and unless the revenue situation changes (CAPCO and JP updates), pending PBO’s analysis as to what the ASAP program might need in terms of resources to accomplish the clarified strategy (in AISD and Del Valle, on Grades 1-8, home visits will be made on the 2nd and 3rd absences only, and in 9th Grade, in AISD and Del Valle, visits will only be made on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th absences). Further PBO analysis is also required for the J.P. cuts. These cuts may be reconsidered depending on a change in the revenue situation or as a result of the additional analysis needed on the J.P.’s, as well as the ASAP program.

A Clarification was made of the previous Motion by Commissioner Moore that “CAPCO” should be “CAPSO”.

Motion carried: County Judge Bill Aleshire	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Darwin McKee	-	absent
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

H. SUMMARY/SCHEDULING (4:40 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO; Alan Miller, Budget Analyst, PBO; Jessica Rio, Planning and Budget Analyst, PBO.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to adjourn the Planning and Budget Process Voting Session. (4:58 PM)

Motion carried: County Judge Bill Aleshire - yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Darwin McKee - absent
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner - yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore - yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez - yes

MINUTES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Date of Approval

Bill Aleshire, Travis County Judge